

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO: Mr. A. Rosen

DATE: October 3, 1946

FROM: [REDACTED] b7c

Call 10:55 A. M.

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

BENJAMIN BUBB SIEGEL

Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Washington Division advised that information had been received from the technical [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] He inquired whether they should place a physical Surveillance

[REDACTED] was advised to furnish this information to Mr. Connelley by teletype for his information and to send a copy to the Bureau. No physical will be conducted.

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[REDACTED] b7c b7D
[REDACTED] SIEGEL MET THE INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED TO BE [REDACTED] IN
FRONT OF THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING THIS AFTERNOON AND AFTER A
LENGTHY CONVERSATION WENT WITH HIM TO ROOM EIGHT ONE SEVEN, WHICH
IS THE OFFICE OF MASTAN COMPANY, INC. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT POSSIBLY
SIEGEL IS ATTEMPTING THROUGH THIS FIRM TO ARRANGE FOR A LOAN IN b7
CONNECTION WITH THE ~~FLAMINGO~~ HOTEL. WHEN SIEGEL LEFT THE HOTEL AT
NOON TODAY HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AN UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL AND BOTH
GOT INTO A NINETEEN FORTYSIX OLDSMOBILE REGISTERED [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PERTINENT
INFO OBTAINED DURING THE COVERAGE OF SIEGEL WHILE HE IS IN NYC WILL
BE TRANSMITTED TO THE BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES BY TELETYPE.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
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Mr. Tracy	
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Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Nease	

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BENJAMEN "BUGS" SIEGEL, MISC INFO CONCERNING, 'CRIME SURVEY. LAST
NIGHT SIEGEL SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME AT THE COPACABANA NIGHT CLUB
WHERE HE TALKED FOR A SHORT TIME WITH FRANK COSTELLO AND SUBSEQUENTLY HAD
A PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH AN UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL, UNIDENTIFIED AS
YET.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SIEGEL ALSO
SPOKE WITH AN UNKNOWN WOMAN AND IN THE CONVERSATION THE NAME [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WAS MENTIONED BY SIEGEL WHO MENTIONED THAT HE HAD SEEN HIM
SEVERAL TIMES. THE SUM OF SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS WAS MENTIONED,
AS WELL AS THE NAME [REDACTED] SIEGEL ALSO RECD A CALL FROM AN UNKNOWN
PERSON IN WHICH SIEGEL INDICATED THAT THIS UNKNOWN PERSON WAS TO SEE
[REDACTED] RE RESERVATIONS LEAVING NY AT FIVE PM OR MIDNIGHT WITH STOPS

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AT CHICAGO AND KANSAS CITY. A [REDACTED] WHO IS UNKNOWN TO THIS OFFICE ALSO COMMUNICTED WITH SIEGEL AND THE SUBJECT OF "LEAVING AT FIVE PM TOMORROW" WAS DISCUSSED. IN VIEW OF THE LATTER TWO PHONE CALLS A CHECK OF THE RESERVATION LISTS OF THE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES OUT OF NY WERE CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS INSO FAR AS DETERMINING WHETHER SIEGEL HAD ANY RESERVATIONS. IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT THESE CONVERSATIONS CONCERN SIEGELS LEAVING NYC TODAY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT [REDACTED] HE HAS AN APPOINTMENT TO HAVE DINNER THIS EVENING WITH HIS TWO DAUGHTERS.

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY SLIP(S)

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles 13, California

October 2, 1946

DATE 11-1-85 BY 1010

PERSONAL ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director, FBI

ON 11/1/85

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, w.o.

MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 20, 1946 at Los Angeles, in the above-captioned case, wherein on page 7 information is set forth concerning BEN SIEGEL contacting MEYER LANSKY at New York City on August 9, 1946. [redacted] reported SIEGEL inquired of LANSKY as whether he could get "that guy" to send a carload of beer.

This source stated LANSKY was interested in knowing what the beer was for and BEN stated he wanted to send it to [redacted] and for [redacted] to send it to "them." This reference to "them" was indicated to be "fellows on the Commission" and probably referred to the City Commissioners in Las Vegas. SIEGEL instructed LANSKY to send the carload of beer direct to [redacted] at the Nevada Beverage (Las Vegas, Nevada Beverage Company). This information was developed shortly after SIEGEL had difficulties in obtaining liquor and gambling licenses for the Flamingo Project and it was indicated that there was a pay-off in connection with the issuance of the licenses.

For your further information in this regard, there are attached copies of a transcript of the conversation reported by [redacted] on September 30, 1946 between [redacted] and BEN SIEGEL at Beverly Hills. Two copies are being designated for the Bureau and one copy each for the New York and Newark Field Divisions.

It will be noted during the conversation that [redacted] inquired as to whether BEN had spoken to MEYER who is thought to be MEYER LANSKY and that she had a message for BEN. The message which was given to BEN [redacted] was very confusing, but it is noted that BEN was furnished the names of [redacted]

It appeared that BEN was to advise as to what size beer bottle was desired. BEN appeared to understand what the particular incident was about; however, he was unable to determine from [redacted] as to whom he should advise as to the desired size beer bottle. This particular conversation is believed to refer to the previous conversation had between SIEGEL and LANSKY regarding the sending of a car of beer [redacted] as mentioned previously herein.



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Director

10/2/46

Re: BENJAMIN "BOB" SIEGEL, was.

The New York Field office has been previously requested to endeavor to trace the shipment of the carload of beer to [redacted] the Nevada Beverage Co. (Las Vegas, Nevada Beverage Company).

The Newark Field Division is requested to determine the identity of [redacted] and furnish all available information regarding his background and activities. b7c

The Newark and New York Field Offices are also requested to check their indices for any information regarding [redacted]

For the assistance of the Newark Field Office, the Los Angeles Field Office is office of origin in the instant case concerning Subject SIEGEL and a portion of the investigation has been conducted in reference to the building of the Flamingo Hotel at Las Vegas, California, in which SIEGEL has a considerable interest. There has been evidence of possible Fraud Against the Government in connection with the building of this hotel as well as other information indicating the use of bribes to local and state officials in connection with the securing of favors in order to build the hotel.

Very truly yours

A. E. Ostholthoff
A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

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AIR MAIL

cc: Newark (Encl.) (Air Mail)
New York (Encl.) (Air Mail)

Los Angeles, California
October 1, 1946

On September 30, 1946, 3:10 P.M. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had called BEN
[REDACTED], during this conversation which is set out hereafter [REDACTED] talked to
[REDACTED]

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S: Hello

Operator: Mr. BEN SIEGEL?

S: Yes

Operator: New York is calling; one moment please.

S: Thank you.

Operator: Ready on your call to Beverly Hills.

S: How are you, sweetheart?

S: All right.

S: Everybody else? Mother?

S: Daddy is leaving Thursday.

S: What is cooking?

S: All right.

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S: She was, eh? How are you doing in school?

[REDACTED]

S: That's good. Behaving yourself?

[REDACTED]

S: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

S: All right. Daddy will see you Friday, honey.

[REDACTED]

S: A.K.

[REDACTED]

S: Goodbye

[REDACTED]

S: Hello. How are you?

[REDACTED]

S: How are you?

[REDACTED]

S: All right. What did you call for?

[REDACTED]

S: You can't hear. What do you want me to do if you can't hear.

[REDACTED]

S: I am speaking loud enough.

[REDACTED]

S: Yeah. Nothing, what do you want?

[REDACTED]

S: Well, what could happen.

S: How is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

S: Where is she?
[REDACTED]

S: What?
[REDACTED]

S: Why?
[REDACTED]

S: Why?
[REDACTED]

S: Yeah, I spoke to him.
[REDACTED]

S: I spoke to him today.
[REDACTED]

S: I spoke to him today.
[REDACTED]

S: Told me about what?
[REDACTED]

S: No, he didn't.
[REDACTED]

S: I will be there Friday.
[REDACTED]

S: Yeah.
[REDACTED]

S: All right.
[REDACTED]

S: Ugh?

[REDACTED]
S: [REDACTED] is up in Las Vegas.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
S: Yeah. Couple of days ago.

[REDACTED]
S: Where is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
S: Where is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
S: Let me talk to her.

[REDACTED]
S: Hello. I was going to call you tomorrow from Vegas. I am going to Vegas now that is why I happened to be here.

[REDACTED]
S: So what?

[REDACTED]
S: How are you [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
S: All right. How are you?

[REDACTED]
S: How are you doing in school?

[REDACTED]
S: Did you ever get daddy's shirts?

[REDACTED]
S: Yeah, which one did you take?

[REDACTED]
S: Yeah. Did you get the pictures?

[REDACTED]
S: I told you they were not good.

[REDACTED]
S: [REDACTED] is going to New York today and he will call mother probably tomorrow or the next day, and he will have the colored ones developed. Understand?

[REDACTED]
S: So we will see how---how are you doing in school?

[REDACTED]
S: That's good and daddy will see you Friday, honey.

[REDACTED]
S: What?

[REDACTED]
S: Well, I have a ticket for Thursday unless I get busy with something.

[REDACTED]
S: Goodbye.

[REDACTED]
S: Yeah.

[REDACTED]
S: Hello?

[REDACTED]
S: What did he say?

[REDACTED]

S: Yeah.

[REDACTED]

S: Yeah.

[REDACTED]

S: Yeah

[REDACTED]

S: Yeah

[REDACTED]

S: Yeah.

[REDACTED]

S: What is that for?

[REDACTED]

S: Yeah.

[REDACTED]

S: Oh-oh-oh

[REDACTED]

S: He wants to know---tell them what--

[REDACTED]

S: You better give me that.

[REDACTED]

S: What?

[REDACTED]

S: Wait, I will write it down.

[REDACTED]

S: O.K. What does he want about [REDACTED]

in

[REDACTED]
S: What did you say about [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
S: Yeah

[REDACTED]
S: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
S: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
S: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

S: Yeah, who is he?

[REDACTED]
S: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
S: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
S: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
S: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

S: Yeah.

[REDACTED]
S: Yes?

[REDACTED]
S: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

S: Yeah, but who is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

S: Well, what does he want me to do. Write---

[REDACTED]

S: Who will call?

[REDACTED]

S: Well, who is [REDACTED] I don't know what the h--- you are talking about.

[REDACTED]

S: All right, but who do I have to---Do I write [REDACTED] or do I write [REDACTED] Who do I write about it?

[REDACTED]

S: Who is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

S: [REDACTED] is the one that wants them? What is [REDACTED] then? If you take a message why don't you know what you are writing.

[REDACTED]

S: Does he want [REDACTED] to write to [REDACTED] or does he want him to write to [REDACTED] Who does he want him to write to about this?

[REDACTED]

S: Yeah, D.E. I don't know what the h--- you are talking about, so---

[REDACTED]

S: I don't know what you are talking about so it doesn't make any sense anyhow. What else?

[REDACTED]

S: That's all. He wants to tell them what size beer bottles he wants?

[REDACTED]

S: Did [REDACTED] talk to [REDACTED] will know when [REDACTED] sends him a letter. Or what is it? It does---Do you know what you are talking about?

[REDACTED]

S: That is exactly as he told it to you, huh?

[REDACTED]

S: Well, he must have told you who to write? What are all these names?

[REDACTED]

S: Yeah, [REDACTED] and what did he say about the other thing?

[REDACTED]

S: And you told me something at first. What did he say there?

[REDACTED]

S: Before that you told me.

[REDACTED]

S: If MEYER calls?

[REDACTED]

S: Who the h--- knows what you are talking about. All right then.

[REDACTED]

S: I don't know what you are talking about, but it will have to be o.k.

[REDACTED]

S: Well, if you take a message, I don't know why you don't know what you are taking or don't take it at all.

[REDACTED]

S: O.K.

[REDACTED]

S: What?

[REDACTED]

S: It is not so important.

[REDACTED]

S: No.

[REDACTED]

S: Well, I know what it is about, but I have to know who to write a letter--to send a requisition for the beer. If I send it to one, the other has to get it. I will send it to both. You don't know what the h--- you are talking about when you are talking. You want to find out before you call me.

[REDACTED]

S: O.K. What did you tell [REDACTED] story for?

[REDACTED] b7c

S: What did you tell [REDACTED] story for?

[REDACTED]

S: She just told me you told it to her.

[REDACTED]

S: O.K., I will see you Friday.

[REDACTED]

S: Goodbye.

[REDACTED]

SAC, Los Angeles

October 8, 1946

Director, FBI

BENJAMIN "BOSS" SIEGEL, was
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

Reference is made to the call of Mr. A. E. Oethelthoff to the Bureau on September 14, 1946 wherein the request was made that the Bureau files be checked for information concerning the American Distillery Company.

You are advised that the Bureau files were reviewed but no pertinent information was found therein regarding the American Distillery Company.

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Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
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Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
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BENJAMIN, BUGS, SEGAL, WAS, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCE
CRIME SURVEY. TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE AT 10814 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD
WEST LOS ANGELES, RESIDENCE VIRGINIA HILL, TELEPHONE ARIZONA 370691
DISCONTINUED 2-30 PM [REDACTED] DUE TO SUBJECTS MOVING. THIS CANCEL

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Director

ATT: YMBODEN - SAC

SAN FRANCISCO

URGENT

BENJAMIN BUGS SIEGEL, MISC., INFO CONCERNING DRINE SURVEY.

SAN FRANCISCO, WITHOUT DISCLOSING OUR KNOWLEDGE OF ABOVE CALL,
DETERMINE FROM C.P.A. HOW RESPONDENTS WERE ADVISED OF TIME AND
PLACE OF SEPT. FIVE HEARING BY C.P.A. IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF
NECESSARY FOR SIEGEL'S ATTORNEYS TO COMMUNICATE [REDACTED]
ON THIS POINT. [REDACTED]

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Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
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WASH 22 CGO 3 LOSS 2 FROM NEW YORK 10 7-10 PM
DIRECTOR AND SAC - URGENT

BENJAMIN SIEGEL, WAS, MISC., INFO CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY. LAST NIGHT
SIEGEL VISITED HIS WIFE'S RESIDENCE AT EIGHT EIGHT CENTRAL PARK WEST
FOR SEVERAL HOURS, RETURNED TO HOTEL ROOSEVELT AT NINE PM., AND RETIRED
HOWEVER, AT APPROXIMATELY TWO THIRTY THIS MORNING HE RECD A PHONE CALL
FROM VIRGINIA HILL IN CHICAGO WHO INDICATED THAT SHE WAS RESIDING IN
ROOM EIGHT ONE FOUR AT THE EDGEWATER HOTEL IN CGO UNDER THE NAME OF
VERA HARDING. THIS ORIGINAL CONVERSATION LASTED APPROXIMATELY
FORTY FIVE MINUTES AND SHE INDICATED THAT SHE WAS AT A PARTY AND HE
REQUESTED HER TO CALL HIM BACK WHEN SHE ARRIVED AT HER RESIDENCE.
SHE SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED HIM ABOUT FOUR AM THIS MORNING AND TALKED FOR
ALMOST AN HOUR. A GREAT DEAL OF THE CONVERSATION WAS OF A PERSONAL
NATURE. HOWEVER, IT WAS DETERMINED FROM BOTH OF THESE CONVERSATIONS
THAT ~~WEBB~~ WEBB WAS FLYING TO NYC FROM CGO IN HIS OWN PLANE AND WOULD
VISIT SIEGEL UPON HIS ARRIVAL HERE. SIEGEL INFORMED VIRGINIA THAT HE
HAD LUNCH THAT DAY WITH [REDACTED] IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT [REDACTED]
WAS OBSERVED HAVING LUNCH WITH TWO UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS AT DINTY MOORES
RESTAURANT YESTERDAY. HE ALSO TOLD VIRGINIA THAT HE HAD A LONG TALK
WITH [REDACTED] AT THE PARK LANE HOTEL AND THAT [REDACTED] ALSO SAW [REDACTED] THERE
REFERENCE IS MADE TO NY TEL DATED OCT NINE, FOR INFO INDICATING
SIEGEL WAS TO MEET [REDACTED] AT THE PARK LANE HOTEL

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AM THIS DATE. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THIS IS AN ERROR AND THAT IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN [REDACTED] INSTEAD OF [REDACTED] IS UNKNOWN TO THIS OFFICE AND IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT SIEGEL WAS OBSERVED TODAY IN THE VICINITY OF THE PARK LANE HOTEL IT IS NOT DEEMED ADVISABLE TO CONDUCT ANY INVESTIGATION AT THE PARK LANE UNTIL SIEGEL'S DEPARTURE FROM NYC. IN THIS REGARD HE INFORMED VIRGINIA THAT HE STILL HAD QUITE A BIT OF WORK TO DO BUT REQUESTED HER TO PACK HER BAGS AS HE WOULD LEAVE NY TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY OF NEXT WEEK AT THE LATEST AND WOULD PICK HER UP IN CHICAGO AND THEN BOTH WOULD RETURN TO THE WEST COAST. DURING ONE OF THE ABOVE CONVERSATIONS A WOMAN BY THE NAME OF [REDACTED] WAS ALSO PRESENT AND TALKED TO SIEGEL. VIRGINIA ALSO SPOKE ABOUT [REDACTED] WHO HAS SOME CONNECTION WITH VIRGINIA HILL AND HE ADMONISHED HER TO TAKE ALL OF THE CLOTHES OUT OF HIS PLACE AND TO HAVE NOTHING FURTHER TO DO WITH HIM. COVERAGE OF SIEGEL DISCONTINUED AT FOUR FIFTEEN PM TODAY ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM BUREAU.

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm
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- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm

FROM LISA
DIRECTOR
ATTN MR. ROSEN
DATE 10/11/46 BY SP-7 [signature]

BENJAMIN MOSE, NICK NUGOIE SIEGEL, WAS, INFO, CRIME.
CRIME SURVEY.

[REDACTED]

THE INFORMANT REMARKED THAT
ACCORDING TO A RADIO BROADCAST THE CPA WAS TO STOP THE CONSTRUCTION
OF THE FLAMINGO HOTEL.

[REDACTED]

FURTHER STATED THAT THEY WILL BE PERMITTED TO
FINISH THE HOTEL AND CASINO, BUT WILL NOT BEGIN CONSTRUCTION ON
BUNGALOWS OR ANY ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT
ACCORDING TO CPA REGULATIONS SUBJ AND HIS ASSOCIATES WOULD NOT
BE PERMITTED TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF ANY ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS
IN ANY EVENT.

HOODMAN

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*Memorandum
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: MR. ROSEN

DATE: October 11, 1946

FROM: EDW. A. TAMM

SUBJECT:

BENJAMIN BUCKSIEGEL

[REDACTED] called from St. Paul and stated that [REDACTED] was in St. Paul and that the St. Paul office had an opportunity to place a microphone in his hotel room. [REDACTED] wanted authorization and I granted it to him, with the proviso that this action would be of some interest to the current crime situation in St. Paul. I told [REDACTED] that in the light of the fact that we were discontinuing our overall investigation of the CAPCA case, he was authorized to discontinue the surveillance on [REDACTED] unless its continuance would serve some purpose for his office.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI

EJC
FROM : E. J. CONNELLEY, Assistant Director, Chicago

DATE: October 7, 1946

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, was.
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

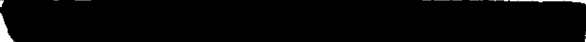
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ON *2/27/83*

EAG

The following request is made of the New York office to develop the titled matter.

Please refer to letter from Los Angeles dated September 9, 1946 to the Director with copies to New York, Salt Lake City, and Chicago.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
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SLIP(S) OF *2* *cc*
DATE *11/26/83*

If you have not done so, it would be well to determine what Agent approached  on this occasion and who he approached in order that we may suitably identify this individual for further reference as to his reliability should we have occasion to again contact him.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. Rosen

DATE: October 8, 1946

FROM : [REDACTED] b7c

Call 10:45 A.M.

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING;
CRIME SURVEY

ASAC A. H. Belmont of the New York Division inquired as to the present status of this investigation in view of the physical surveillance being maintained on Siegel at the present time in New York. He also asked about placing a tech on Siegel.

Mr. Belmont was advised that the continuance of this investigation was dependent on whether or not CPA stopped the construction of the Flamingo Hotel, but that in any event the Bureau desired to cover Siegel's activities in New York at the present time. He was further advised that authority had previously been granted for technicals on Benjamin Siegel wherever he went.

Mr. Belmont advised that arrangements would be made immediately for a technical.

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BENJAMIN SIEGEL, WAS, MISCELLANEOUS, INFO CONCERNING, CRIME SUR

LAST NIGHT [REDACTED] CALLED SIEGEL AND REQUESTED THAT HE MEET HIM A
SADIE-S AT THE PARK LANE HOTEL AT NINE AM IN THE MORNING. SIEGEL
PROCEEDED TO THE PARK LANE HOTEL THIS AM TO KEEP APPOINTMENT AND WAS
THERE UNTIL ONE PM. HE SUBSEQUENTLY HAD LUNCH AT DINTY MOORE-S
RESTAURANT ON FORTYSIXTH ST. AND THEREAFTER WENT TO THE HOLLYWOOD
THEATER TICKET OFFICE, TWO TWO THREE WEST FORTYSIXTH ST. WHERE
HE REMAINED SEVERAL HOURS. IT WAS NOTED DURING THE TIME THAT HE WAS
IN THE HOLLYWOOD THEATER TICKET OFFICE THAT [REDACTED] NOTORIOUS
NY GANGSTER, WAS SEEN COMING OUT OF THIS ESTABLISHMENT. HE WAS ALSO
OBSERVED TO ENTER AN AUTOMOBILE REGISTERED TO [REDACTED] THE
HOLLYWOOD THEATER TICKET OFFICE IS FREQUENTED BY RACKETEERS AND
BROADWAY CHARACTERS AND ACCORDING TO INFO KNOWN TO THE LOS
ANGELES OFFICE [REDACTED] ATTEMPTED ON ONE OCCASION TO CONTACT MEYER
BLANSKY AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER LISTED TO THIS TICKET OFFICE.
PREVIOUS INFO [REDACTED] HAS INDICATED THAT SIEGEL WHEN IN
NY FREQUENTS THIS TICKET OFFICE. COVERAGE OF SIEGEL CONTINUES AND
THE BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES WILL BE ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOP-
MENTS.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM
FROM : R. A. ROSEN
SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases.
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

DATE: October 10, 1946

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PURPOSE

To advise you of information [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] regarding the construction of the Flamingo Hotel.

FACTS

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] remarked that, according to a radio
broadcast, the C.P.A. was to stop the construction of the Flamingo Hotel.
[REDACTED] further stated that they will be permitted to
finish the hotel and casino, but will not begin construction on bungalows or
additional buildings.

The Los Angeles Division notes that, according to C.P.A. regulations,
Siegel and his associates would not be permitted to begin construction of any
additional buildings in any event.

PRESENT LOCATION OF SIEGEL

Siegel, as of October 9, 1946, was still in New York City where he is
under surveillance. He has spent considerable time at the Hollywood Theatre
Ticket office, New York City, which location is frequented by Broadway characters
and racketeers.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

These data are supplied for your information.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
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Mr. Quinn Tamm
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York 7, New York

October 11, 1946

Director, FBI

Re: CAPCA

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BY SP4/ESK/105

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

Dear Sir:

The following is a brief summary of pertinent developments which occurred in the New York Field Division in the above entitled matter since the submission of the last weekly letter on October 4, 1946:

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

SIEGEL arrived in New York City on October 5, 1946 and registered in the early morning of October 6, 1946 at the Roosevelt Hotel.

[REDACTED] During the period from October 5 to October 10, 1946 it was determined from confidential sources that he had been in telephonic communication with FRANK COSTELLO and [REDACTED] who is unknown to the New York office. He also communicated with numerous other individuals who used only their first names and whose identities have not been determined as yet.

[REDACTED] morning of October 10, 1946 he received two calls from VIRGINIA HILL in Chicago. At the time these conversations took place VIRGINIA HILL advised that she was residing at the Edgewater Hotel under the name of VERA HARDING.

During the time that SIEGEL was under physical surveillance, he was observed meeting FRANK COSTELLO at the Copacabana Night Club where he also talked to several unknown individuals who, from their appearance, were undoubtedly racketeers of some sort. He spent one entire morning at the Park Lane Hotel and it was subsequently determined that he had been in conversation with [REDACTED] it is believed that [REDACTED] is a resident of the Park Lane Hotel.

He was also observed entering the offices of the Mastan Company, Inc., 350 Fifth Avenue, New York City, at which time he was carrying what appeared to be a bundle of floor or building plans. He was

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observed to enter the office of this company and remained there for a considerable period of time. [REDACTED] b7
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In view of the nature of this company's business and the fact that SIEGEL was observed entering this establishment with what was probably the plans of the Flamingo Hotel, it is believed he approached this company for the purpose of obtaining a loan to carry on the completion of his Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

From information previously submitted from the Los Angeles office, the principal reason for SIEGEL's visit to New York was to obtain a loan of a million and a half dollars. It was also ascertained from a confidential source that SIEGEL anticipated leaving New York City on October 15, or 16, 1946, after which he would travel to Chicago and pick up VIRGINIA HILL and then proceed to the west coast. However, in view of the Bureau's telephonic instructions of October 10, 1946, the physical and technical coverage of SIEGEL was discontinued on the afternoon of this date.

MEYER LANSKY

211 Central Park West, New York City

As previously set forth, close association was reported to exist between MEYER LANSKY and BENJAMIN "Bugs" SIEGEL. It was believed that possibly some of SIEGEL's funds in the erection of the Flamingo Hotel at Las Vegas, Nevada might have had their source in LANSKY. In view of SIEGEL's arrival in New York City on October 5, 1946, spot surveillances were maintained at the residence of MEYER LANSKY, 211 Central Park West, and at his business enterprise, the Emby Distributing Company, 525 W. 43rd Street. However, LANSKY was not observed during the time of these surveillances nor was it ascertained that SIEGEL contacted or attempted to contact LANSKY in New York.

Investigation has been continuing concerning the activities of the Emby Distributing Company and their activities in the distribution of juke boxes under a franchise from the Rudolph Wurlitzer Company, Tonawanda, New York. Full details concerning the corporate set-up of the Emby Distributing Company will be set forth in report form.

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FRANK COSTELLO
115 Central Park West, New York City

Spot surveillances had been maintained on COSTELLO up to October 10, 1946, at which time instructions from the Bureau were received to discontinue all physical surveillances in connection with the Capra case. It has been ascertained that COSTELLO visits the lobby of the Hotel Waldorf Astoria practically every day. At that point it is noted he makes frequent personal contacts and conducts his business. It is also known that in the evenings at about 6 p.m. he visits the Copacabana Night Club where he also conducts his business and in which he is reputed to have a financial interest.

During the period COSTELLO has been observed in the company of BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL at the Copacabana Night Club. It is also known that SIEGEL on several occasions attempted to contact COSTELLO but the nature of their business dealings is not at present known.

COSTELLO has been observed in the company of [REDACTED] concerning whom information has previously been reported. He was also chauffeured by [REDACTED]

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Information was received that FRANK COSTELLO intended to go to Hot Springs, Arkansas on October 10, 1946. It is known that in the past he has made yearly visits to Hot Springs and has been in contact with [REDACTED]

On the morning of October 10, 1946 COSTELLO left his residence at 5:30 a.m. in the company of [REDACTED] and two other individuals. Reservations were held in the name of [REDACTED] on Flight 207 of American Airlines for Little Rock, Arkansas. This flight was scheduled to Newark Airport at 7:00 a.m. and it is believed that COSTELLO was one of the [REDACTED] party which boarded the aforesaid flight.

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In view of Bureau letter dated October 9, 1946 to New York, all physical surveillances and technical surveillances in the Capra case have been discontinued. In the event the same are desired in connection with the general crime survey program conducted in the New York area, separate communications will be addressed to the Bureau. Future investi-

Letter to Director
NY 62-8861

October 11, 1946

Actions in the above entitled case will be conducted in the light of the instructions contained in the Bureau letter above referred to.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT, SAC

2 cc - Chicago Att: Assistant Director E. J. Connelly (AMSD)
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BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, WAS, MISC., INFO CONCERNING, CRIME
SURVEY. CONSTRUCTION WORK ON FLAMINGO HOTEL, LAS VEGAS,
CONTINUING AS USUAL AS OF TWO P.M. TODAY.

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Mr. E. A. Tamm
FROM: [REDACTED]

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DATE: October 11, 1946
TIME: 1:15 P.M.

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
GENERAL CRIME SURVEY

Mr. Ostholtz of Los Angeles was contacted to see if construction of the ~~X~~laminge Hotel was continuing.

Mr. Ostholtz advised the men were still working when he checked the previous day, but he would check again and immediately advise the Bureau by teletype.

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There are transmitted herewith the following clippings from the LAS VEGAS EVENING REVIEW JOURNAL, Las Vegas, Nevada:

1. Clipping from the issue of September 22, 1946, headed "Flamingo Project Still Going Despite Pearson", which refers to JOHN PEARSON's radio broadcast stating that JOHN D. SMALL, U.P.A. official had assured PEARSON that work on the Flamingo Club would be halted.

2. Clipping dated October 2, 1946 under the heading "Taking the Rounds with Brigham Townsend". This is apparently a planted article in an effort to develop public opinion in favor of the construction of the Flamingo Hotel.

3. Two clippings dated October 2nd concerning resolutions by building trade unions and veterans in Las Vegas protesting the curtailment of commercial building in Las Vegas. It is noted that according to these clippings FRANK HARRIS, Secretary of the Building Trades Council in Las Vegas, sent a wire to JOHN D. SMALL, Civilian Production Director, in which he stated that 1200 veterans are employed on the Flamingo Hotel project. This is a misstatement and it is noted that the LAS VEGAS EVENING REVIEW JOURNAL ran a correction on October 3, 1946 stating that 800 men are employed on the Flamingo Hotel project, of which 50% are veterans.

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NEVADA EVENING REVIEW JOURNAL
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
September 30, 1945

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Flamingo Project Still Going Despite Pearson

Although radio commentator Bill Buchanan Drew Pearson in his Sunday radio broadcast declared that he had personally been assured by John D. Small, CFA official, that work on the Flamingo Club in Las Vegas would be halted at once, work still was progressing there today.

No information on the subject could be obtained from Washington, D. C., or San Francisco at press time that there had been any new order issued.

The project was started prior to the beginning of the CFA law and has been allowed to continue under congressional provisions in the law. Since that time it has been reviewed and approved by the Nevada CFA board and the board in San Francisco. The project is about 90 per cent complete, it was pointed out here today.

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LOCAL EVENING NEWS-JOURNAL

Las Vegas, Nevada

October 2, 1944

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Making the Round with Brigham Townsend

I was talking to an ex-service man and he said, "Why should they continue building the ELAMINGO when we could build that many houses for service men?"

Well, that's a fair question but suddenly a thought came to me, as thoughts sometimes do, and I asked the guy wouldn't it be better to complete the ELAMINGO, everything we could do make it nationally known (Don't worry, BILL WILKERSON will take care of that) and give about 500 folks a job... such as jobs at the Flamingo would be well worth having, regardless of whether you're a bartender, cleaner, waiter or what not?

These 500 men and women could buy anything they wanted with the money they make without going through the red tape of making it a Federal issue. If, ever, stop to think that any time you involve the government it costs you money? After all, they gotta pay their bills.

Well, the ex-service man agreed with me and finally admitted he'd rather have a good job than the FREEDOM of a house.

This is a fair thought for the Flamingo houses... and fair pay for the service men. Then let anybody squawk that wants to. Somebody's always in trouble anyway.

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Las Vegas Building Unions, Veterans Protest Curtailment of Commercial Construction

(See related story on Page D)

By A. Forgeron, business representative of the Las Vegas local of the plumbers union, was back in town today after a month in the east on business, and was outspoken in his lack of practical veteran housing here, as compared with communities elsewhere.

"There's nothing being done in Las Vegas to provide housing for veterans with modest means," he said. "The only way a vet can get a home is to be wealthy enough to buy or build. Prices are out of sight for working men."

He told of observations in the east, where many communities have realized the great majority of veterans are unable to buy and have met the situation by construction of veteran apartment projects, to provide cheap rental for ex-GIs until they can afford to build their own home.

"If such an apartment project were started in Las Vegas," Forgeron stated, "the town itself would be glad to invest, were they assured that material priorities would be granted for completion of the project."

He recognized that there have been instances when contractors have used veterans' priority material on non-essential, but (Continued on Page Two)

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higher profit jobs, but felt that close surveillance by veteran organizations could prevent this.

"If other places can solve their veteran housing problems," Forgeron said, "there is no reason why Las Vegas can't do likewise. When the hue and cry becomes great enough, the situation can be solved by action in Washington and at home."

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300, Not 1200, Employed on Flamingo Job

Through a typographical error, yesterday's Review-Journal story regarding the Flamingo hotel construction contained the statement that 1,200 veterans were employed there.

Actually, the story should have said 1,200 veterans are employed on all construction jobs in Las Vegas. At the Flamingo hotel, 300 men are employed, of which 30 per cent are veterans.

The story had to do with the fight being waged by Las Vegas construction unions for elimination of building restrictions by the Civilian Production administration.

Las Vegas building trades unions and veterans, at threats that the Flamingo hotel project may be cut today disclosed they have protested to Civilian Production Director John D. Small and to Columnist Drew Pearson regarding the latter's radio report Sunday that work on the swank resort will be halted.

Construction

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men will be out of work, half of them veterans of World War I. . . . Veteran housing in area under construction now equal to or exceeds demand. Immediate relief from such conditions is paramount to avoid wholesale unemployment."

West disclosed he had sent a 400-word telegram to Pearson, pointing out the condition in Las Vegas, and calling for the columnist to publish "the true state of affairs."

He told Pearson that, while veteran housing is badly needed, the Las Vegas veterans are able to buy homes under present inflated prices.

He said over 1,200 vets are employed on the Flamingo project. Curtailment of the job, he pointed out, would throw them, and 200 others, out of work.

In warning of the economic disaster to Las Vegas should 2,000 men suddenly become unemployed, West said no other work is available for a large majority of them.

The telegram stated that veterans' houses are receiving first consideration by the Las Vegas building trades union, but that little activity is possible in this field until prices are adjusted.

West further claimed that very little critical material is being used on the hotel project which could be used in housing construction.

The local secretary also was Harry C. Bates, president of the International Union, requested the latter's support in the situation by the Las Vegas unit.

Pearson stated that he will stop construction of a luxurious project, which overrules two decisions of approval granted by the same CPA office in San Francisco and one in Rome.

Work was still under way on the Los Angeles strip hotel morning. Officials of the Webb Construction company claimed knowledge of any to halt their operation.

The wire to Small was sent by Frank Harris, secretary of Building Trades council; deVilliers, secretary of the Urban Services Coordinating committee; Carl M. Hayes, secretary and treasurer of Las Teamsters union, and Will West, secretary of the Brickmasons and Plasterers.

"Stopping of commercial building (in Las Vegas) already causing much unemployment," the telegram stated. "Within . . . 60 days approximately 2,000 building trades" (Continued on Page Two)

regarding veteran housing West called attention to a number of vacant buildings, the de-activated army air field which, he said, could be cleared surplus and remodeled into apartments.

"This is the only practical source of housing in the Las Vegas area," West said. "The air field will not be fully started again for several years and by that time, the shortage of building materials will have eased. This can be done easily and quickly if the veterans will demand it of their representatives in Washington."

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LAS VEGAS EVENING REVIEW-JOURNAL

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Las Vegas, Nevada.

October 2, 1944.

Vegas Legionnaires Oppose Wyatt Order

Commercial Building Restriction Affects
Employment of 4,000 Men in This Community

Legionnaires of Las Vegas voted overwhelmingly last night in favor of a resolution which, in effect aims at raising the Wyatt freeze on commercial building in the Las Vegas area.

The resolution, offered by H. E. De Villiers, demands that "restrictions on commercial type building be resolved by the Civilian Production Administration in line with the need of veterans in the various communities, both with respect to need for housing and for employment of said veterans."

Commander Madison B. Graves and members of the post heard a lengthy discussion on the resolution, and also a second resolution, which proposed investigation of commercial building operations on East Fremont street.

Several speakers asserted that the current freeze of the Wyatt program jeopardized employment of 4,000 men in this community, of whom half are veterans.

On the second resolution, however, speakers warned against the Legion taking a stand of "policing" the building operation referred to and succeeded in having the resolution defeated.

Francisco convention proved a "huge success."

Jack Egan offered his services for procuring assistance of the Las Vegas Army Air Field authorities in the Armistice Day parade.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM *EW*
 FROM : A. ROSEN *R*
 SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
 MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 10/15/46

Mr. Tolson ✓
 Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
 Mr. Clegg ✓
 Mr. Glavin ✓
 Mr. Ladd ✓
 Mr. Nichols ✓
 Mr. Rosen ✓
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 Mr. Carson ✓
 Mr. Egan ✓
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 Mr. Hendon ✓
 Mr. Pennington ✓
 Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓
 Mr. Nease ✓
 Miss Gandy ✓

I called [REDACTED] with reference to the attached memorandum. He stated that last Friday, [REDACTED] general counsel of the CPA, had called at his office with some representatives of the CPA and they were perturbed over Drew Pearson's broadcast concerning the Flamingo Hotel. Their representatives had furnished him with information concerning the hearings and furnished him with a transcript of the hearings and had given background information to him. The rumor was that the FBI was also investigating a certain phase of the case and [REDACTED] called merely to find out whether he could pick up some "loose straws" to find out what this thing was about. He said that Jack Small, the Administrator, had apparently been upset by some release which was made by his public relations man and thereafter Drew Pearson picked the story up and put it on the radio. I told [REDACTED] that I had called inasmuch as he had called [REDACTED] to find out what he [REDACTED] had in mind. [REDACTED] said that he was reviewing the matter; that it had not been formally submitted to the Department by the CPA and that from the looks of it he did not think anything could be done. *b7c*

He said that in the discussion with CPA representatives one of them indicated they understood the FBI was checking into a certain phase of this case and he thought perhaps if that were true the information would be made available in due course to the Department.

I asked [REDACTED] if there was anything he wanted of the Bureau and he said no. *b7c*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: October 2, 1946

TO : Mr. A. Rosen

FROM : A. E. Oetholthoff

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

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Transmitted herewith is a photostatic copy of the transcript of the hearing held by the Civilian Production Administration at San Francisco, California, in the matter of the Flamingo Hotel.

This photostat covers the transcript of August 13 and 14, September 2 and 6, 1946. The transcript of the final hearing which was held on September 12, 1946, is presently at the Los Angeles Office in the process of being photostated and this transcript will be forwarded to the Bureau as soon as the photostating is completed.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
 Los Angeles (15) California
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 ON 10/11/95

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Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
 MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING
 CRIME SURVEY

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Dear Sir:

The following information is being brought to the Bureau's attention in connection with the inquiries on the part of various owners of gambling clubs in Las Vegas with reference to [REDACTED]. It will be recalled that information has been previously brought to the Bureau's attention with reference to the alleged attempts to [REDACTED].

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Director, FBI

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Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

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The Bureau will be promptly advised of further information which is developed with regard to this particular situation.

Very truly yours,

A. E. Ostholhoff
A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

[REDACTED]
62-2837

cc: Salt Lake City

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles (13) California
October 4, 1946

Director, FBI

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Attention: Assistant Director ROSEN

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING;
CRIME SURVEY

DECLASSIFIED BY *[signature]*
ON *10/11/83*

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my teletype dated October 3, 1946 setting forth information concerning BEN SIEGEL's discussion with [redacted] with reference to the selling of SIEGEL's interest in the Hotel.

For your information there are attached hereto two copies of the transcript of the conversation which was reported by [redacted] which took place on October 3, 1946 at 12:55 p.m. between [redacted] and BEN SIEGEL. For clarification as to the identity of the individuals mentioned during the conversation, the following is set forth:

[redacted]
"DEL WEBB" is the DEL WEBB CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, builders of the Flamingo Hotel.

[redacted] who is a partner of SIEGEL's in the Flamingo Project.

[redacted] and an associate of SIEGEL.

"GUS GREENBAUM" is an associate of SIEGEL, who spends considerable time at Las Vegas.

"MOE SEDWAY" is a front man for SIEGEL at Las Vegas.

[redacted] who is connected with the Flamingo Hotel.

It will be noted that the main purpose for this particular conversation is to determine the terms under which SIEGEL's interest could be purchased. [redacted] indicates that he has some one who may be interested in supplying the necessary money to effect the take-out. SIEGEL stated that he



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Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

wanted to know who would be able to pay the bills that DEL WEBB had. Further, WEBB had to be paid \$435,000 and if they were not paid today he would stop building on the following day. BEN informed [redacted] that he is to get one-quarter million dollars and another one-quarter million dollars in notes and that if the [redacted] were to remain in the Hotel Project they would have to have 50% of the stock and 50% of the voting rights and 50% would remain with [redacted]. This undoubtedly means [redacted] whom [redacted] represents. [redacted] wanted SIEGEL to give him time in order to get the deal underway and specifically requested until noon Monday. SIEGEL indicated that he was going "back to get it", undoubtedly meaning going to New York to arrange to get some money. b7c

In connection with the above conversation with [redacted] and the discussion of the purchasing of SIEGEL's interest, it is noted that shortly after this conversation, [redacted] reported BEN SIEGEL, at Los Angeles, had called GUS GREENBAUM at Las Vegas and stated [redacted] was coming to Las Vegas and would get there about 8:30 p.m. that day. Allegedly [redacted] would be going right through to the East. SIEGEL stated he was "finagling that other guy" into a deal and guaranteed that if it came the way he wanted it "he will be stymied and won't be able to go any further". BEN stated he will then be able to get it back and be in better shape. This particular portion of the conversation is thought to mean that SIEGEL was working a deal through [redacted] who was representing [redacted] and that [redacted] would be stymied; thereafter, SIEGEL would be able to buy back into the Hotel and take control. SIEGEL informed GUS that [redacted] would give GUS two checks, one for \$60,000 and one for \$40,000, which would be dated the first. SIEGEL instructed [redacted] to give [redacted] a check for \$40,000 made out to the Nevada Project Corporation. Further, GUS is to have [redacted] write a check for \$10,000 to the same corporation. SIEGEL stated [redacted] has a check for \$10,000 which he can give to [redacted]. Further, GUS was to take another check for \$10,000 or whatever "The Nugget" (GOLDEN NUGGET CLUB) owes the Frontier Turf Club. GREENBAUM was further instructed to give [redacted] another check on the Las Vegas Race Books for \$45,000 and to "lay out \$2500 for that". SIEGEL stated he would call GREENBAUM from New York Monday. b7c

Very truly yours,

A. E. Ostholhoff
A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF

62-2837

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY
Encl. (2)

Los Angeles, California

MEMO, SAC:

Re: BENJAMIN "BUCK" ALCOH.
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING;
CRIME SURVEY

[REDACTED] October 3, 1946 advised that at 12:35 p.m. the following
conversations took place between [REDACTED]
and BEN SIMON:

S: HELLO,

[REDACTED]

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S: Yeah. How are you?

[REDACTED]

S: Arizona?

[REDACTED]

S: Arizona?

[REDACTED]

S: That's an old number. H _ _ _

[REDACTED]

S: Yeah.

[REDACTED]

S: Yeah.

[REDACTED]

S: Well, who is going to pay these bills today?

[REDACTED]

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8: DEL. WHEN has got \$135,000 worth of bills. If they are not paid today, or something put down he is going to stop building tomorrow.

[REDACTED]

8: I'm just telling you they will stop unless it is paid.

[REDACTED]

8: Well, he is going to stop building. Can you interest anybody after he stops building?

[REDACTED]

8: Can you interest anybody after he stops building?

[REDACTED]

8: Well, we just left it today. We had a meeting with him for two hours.

[REDACTED]

8: And unless he gets some money by tomorrow he is going to stop building and throw it into bankruptcy and see what he can get.

[REDACTED]

8: Yeah.

[REDACTED]

8: What memorandum do you want from me?

[REDACTED]

8: What's his name won't. If I go out. I talked to [REDACTED] wife last night. They don't want to remain. It will have to be a deal along getting the whole thing.

[REDACTED]

Q: What is it?

A: Well, no...

Q: No, there is no need to get us out.

A: No. Let's take the, the whole thing. Let's see what we want deferred. How much you're going to give us down; how much you're going to pay it out, when and how?

A: Half million.

A: Here's what you can do. It is either one way or the other. I'll take one-quarter of a million dollars deferred, to be secured....However, I am going to see I get secured. The [redacted] then wind up with 50, 50% being as you are not going to get them out. 50% each...

A: No, 50% of the stock and 50% of the voting.

A: What are you putting up? You got two and a quarter. You are giving me two fifty and the hundred and twentyfive you have is still three seventyfive. There is still one-half million on the other side.

S: They are going to get interest on whatever they get.

[REDACTED]

S: We will give it up in proportion. Whatever percentage you have you give up. In other words, if there is 20% given it will wind up with 40. If there is 50 or 90 whatever it is, you will wind up in proportion. Either they are going to get something for their money or nothing.

[REDACTED]

S: No, this is no distress commodity!!!

[REDACTED]

S: It's not a distress commodity.

[REDACTED]

S: I don't care what source you go through.

[REDACTED]

S: There's no argument. I tell you something. You tell me something.

[REDACTED]

S: I know who you talked to [REDACTED] and all that. You just wasted your time. Who you going to talk to?

[REDACTED]

S: You talked to [REDACTED] is that right about a junior financing?

[REDACTED]

S: [REDACTED] I know what you do. What the H --- they can't loan you five cents.

[REDACTED]

S: I know the people you want to.

[REDACTED]

There is nobody in California or anywhere else. Let me tell you something. They will back this proposition one million dollars, because they think we are easy when you tell them it will cost us three million dollars for 100 room hotel. They said if you charge \$58 a day you won't come out even. They don't go by the strength of the other way. They just go strictly a hotel. So, there is nobody living outside of individuals that will give you that money. So, no matter who you go to. I'll tell you that so you won't have to go any further.

[REDACTED]

S: Well, that will..you are not doing anything. If we can it is got to be if you take money out it will have to be one-quarter million dollars in notes out if I arrange it. The other one-half, so I got three seventy-five there he is willing to give them 50% for the three seventy-five and they have three seventy-five. Then if he comes up with any money. Who is getting this loan. If the interest is not substantial and he is to give up a piece. He gives up a piece in proportion. At all times they both remain boss and control that corporation fifty fifty.

[REDACTED]

S: I talked to them. They don't want to do that, either they got 50% for what they put up. Why should [REDACTED] have any more when he is putting up three seventy-five and you talk me I would have to take corporate notes for that, the other two fifty today? Isn't that what you told me?

[REDACTED]

S: They are still responsible. Why should I get for nothing for three seventy-five, any more than them. They got their one-half million. Headaches, troubles, battling their heads to get this and that. They said no go. They would rather get nothing and do what we want.

[REDACTED]

S: I can't give any week. I got to pay DEL WEBB next day, next twentyfour hours.

[REDACTED]

S: I can't give you anything unless you tell me that you can give me money to pay DEL WEBB. Then I can talk to you.

[REDACTED]

S: All right. The only thing I can do is... do you want [REDACTED] out of it?

[REDACTED]

S: Then we want one-half million dollars in cash and the rest in incorporate notes.

[REDACTED]

S: If you don't get [REDACTED] out, do you understand the proposition?

[REDACTED]

S: Well who is going, who is going to pay DEL WEBB?

[REDACTED]

S: They are going to stop tomorrow.

[REDACTED]

S: What I will do is this.....

[REDACTED]

S: Who is the two people?

[REDACTED]

S: Well take it up with [REDACTED] I didn't give you any okay, did I?

[REDACTED]

S: I said nothing about, you discuss it with them. If they want to go it's all right with me.

[REDACTED]

S: So they didn't go in. You can have it along these lines within 24 hours. That is all we can give you because we got to pay DEL WEBB or he'll shut down. That if I take one-quarter and one-quarter million in notes and know I am going to get paid, secured of 20, and you remain with 50 and [REDACTED] remains with 20% of the stock and both have the same voting rights and it is up to you to raise the other money to complete that project. Then that we can give you.

[REDACTED]

S: There is nothing you can do, because if we go along and lay out any more money.....

[REDACTED]

S: There is no other source I can get it. I have to pay the guys.

[REDACTED]

S: I got to pay DEL WEBB tomorrow or he'll shut down, but at least he gave me until 12 o'clock tomorrow to pay this money.

[REDACTED]

S: We can't give you any longer. If you want 24 hours, that's what you got. I called them the other.....

[REDACTED]

S: Well, you are entitled to your opinion, but we got to be thrown into a situation that comes up that we don't have any more time. I know that if you came to me and told me that, I would tell you you are crazy too.

[REDACTED]

S: Well, all right, but that's the position we are in now, understand? And if I am going to go and lay out this money understand I am not going to come along tomorrow, I am going to tell you. All right, the only thing I won't give you anything in writing. But I am going that and if you cannot tell me today I am going to pay Del Webb today. Do you understand and if you want it tomorrow besides taking money out for that one-quarter of a million and if I give Del Webb their one-quarter of a million too, that's a half million you got to give me in cash back. The other \$250,000 which I have got in I will pay corporate notes. I will be paid over a period of time. [redacted] winds up with 90%. You people have to raise the balance of the money to complete the thing and he has 50% over it and so does [redacted] and no one has any more voting right than the other one.

[redacted]

S: You asked me if they would remain, [redacted] and I told you I don't know, but I think if I talked to them I think that I could get them. When I talked to [redacted] yesterday one solid hour from eleven something when I got off a plane from a booth when I got off at the station there and he said no he won't remain.

[redacted]

S: I can't give you until Noon Monday.

[redacted]

S: Well, I am going back to get it.

[redacted]

S: No, I am going to pay Del Webb tomorrow. I am leaving word to pay Del Webb with someone, do you understand?

[redacted]

S: And, if I am not making a trip back there you call me Friday or Saturday and say, "Fine, I will give you one-half million dollars that you laid out which I am laying out 250 now again and 250 on the other money--"

[redacted]

S: ---that is one-half million dollars. We have to take the one-quarter---

[redacted]

S: No, I have no time to get a hold of [redacted] I am leaving on an airplane.

[REDACTED]

A: I am leaving at three o'clock and I have a million things to do.

[REDACTED]

S: Yeah, I changed over--

[REDACTED]

S: They have my "Power of Attorney."

[REDACTED]

S: Nobody can represent me outside of myself. [REDACTED] I know what I am doing. [REDACTED] has my power-- [REDACTED] has my power of attorney.

[REDACTED]

S: Yeah.

[REDACTED]

S: He has it.

[REDACTED]

S: He has the power of attorney of anything I do.

[REDACTED]

S: Yeah.

[REDACTED]

S: So if you get something that you want to discuss with him you call him and he will call me.

[REDACTED]

S: Yes, he has my power of attorney.

[REDACTED]

S: I am telling the only way you can do it.

S: And I see you until---what is today---Friday?

S: Thursday?

S: I want to know by Monday morning because---

S: O.K., So Long.

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DIRECTOR, SAC, ATTENTION MR. ROSE
BENJAMIN SIEGEL, WFO, WISC., INFO, CONC. CRIME SURVEY, REMYTE
DCT. TWO, LAST, CONC. CONSTRUCTION FLAMINGO HOTEL. WORK CONTINUED
ON HOTEL AS OF THIS PM. USUAL NUMBER OF AUTOS BELONGING TO
WORKERS OBSERVED PARKED IN VICINITY OF HOTEL. APPROX SIXTY
WORKERS OBSERVED WORKING ON OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDINGS ON SUCH
PROJECTS AS PAINTING POWER HOUSE, WORKING SOUTH WING HOTEL,
NORTH WING OF CASINO, CONSTRUCTING CONCRETE RETAINING WALL ON
SIDE. ALSO MEN OBSERVED WORKING BULLDOZERS, TRACTORS IN
FRONT OF HOTEL AND MEN WORKING IN NURSERY. [REDACTED] AD-
VISES SIEGEL CONVERSED WITH GUS GREENBAUM ONE FIFTY SEVEN PM.
THIS DATE, ADVISING HE INTENDS TO LEAVE FOR EAST TONIGHT
[REDACTED] TO GO TO LAS VEGAS FIRST AND THEN TO THE EAST.
SIEGEL INSTRUCTED GREENBAUM TO SECURE ONE CHECK FOR FORTY THOUSAND
DOLLARS, ONE FOR TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, FROM [REDACTED] AND
ONE FOR TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE FRONTIER RACE BOOK.
GUS IS TO MEET [REDACTED] WHEN HE ARRIVES BY WESTERN AIRLINES
PLANE THIS EVE AT LAS VEGAS AND GIVE CHECKS TO [REDACTED] WHO WILL
IN TURN GIVE THREE CHECKS [REDACTED] FOR SIMILAR AMOUNTS
TO GUS. BEN INDICATED HE WILL SEE OUT TO [REDACTED] FOR TWO
HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS PLUS TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND
DOLLARS SECURITY. [REDACTED] TO RETAIN FIFTY PER CENT
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: October 14, 1946

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL;
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING;
CRIME SURVEY.

Call 12 Noon

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
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Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
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On October 14, 1946, pursuant to your request, Special Agent A. E. Ostholtzoff called from Los Angeles, California, to ascertain whether the Civilian Production Administration in Washington, D. C. had taken any action to stop the construction of the Flamingo Hotel since the 10-day period given this agency to act has now expired. Mr. Ostholtzoff also desired to be advised as to whether he should continue his investigation concerning this matter.

In the event that the Bureau deems it advisable for this investigation to be continued at this time, Mr. Ostholtzoff suggested that instead of interviewing all of the principal witnesses and principal subjects simultaneously, as previously planned, that it might be more desirable to interview [REDACTED]

simultaneously but in different cities. If nothing affirmative was developed as a result of these two interviews, Mr. Ostholtzoff expressed the belief that nothing tangible would be developed as a result of simultaneous interviews with the remaining principal witnesses and principal subjects. If possible, Mr. Ostholtzoff requested to be informed of the Bureau's desires concerning the future handling of this case in the Field today.

ACTION TAKEN

The writer informed Mr. Ostholtzoff that his inquiries and suggestion would be considered and that he would be informed today, if possible, of the Bureau's desires in connection therewith.

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And have check made to see
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM

DATE: October 14, 1946

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL;
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING;
CRIME SURVEY

On October 14, 1946, Mr. A. E. Osthoff telephonically advised that the construction on the Flamingo Hotel has proceeded without stoppage during the past ten days. He suggested that since the CPA had not acted it might be advisable at this time to arrange for simultaneous interviews with [REDACTED]

RECOMMENDED ACTION

I It is recommended that Mr. Hendon who has previously contacted CPA officials in this matter discreetly determine if the CPA contemplates taking steps to stop construction on the Flamingo Hotel.

II If no activity is to be undertaken by the CPA authorities, that Mr. Osthoff be authorized to arrange for the immediate simultaneous interviews [REDACTED] so that this phase of the investigation may be brought as soon as possible to a logical conclusion.

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Mr. Ostholtz, Los Angeles, was telephonically advised at this time in accordance with the Director's instructions to discontinue the investigation in the above-entitled matter and that no interviews should be conducted at all. He was instructed to wind up this case as soon as possible and advise the Bureau when he will be able to proceed to his office of assignment. Mr. Ostholtz stated right now he has no men on this case in Los Angeles, however, he does have in Las Vegas. He stated arrangements would be made immediately to discontinue all technicals and reassign the men who are working on this matter.

Ostholtz said he thought he could wind everything up tomorrow.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: October 15, 1946

FROM :

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FLAMINGO HOTEL,
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[REDACTED] Criminal Division of the Department, called and advised that several representatives of the Civilian Production Administration were in his office discussing the possibility of either civil or criminal action against the Flamingo Hotel of Las Vegas, Nevada. He explained that that organization had flaunted CPA restrictions against unnecessary building and was engaged in a large project in connection with a gambling casino.

[REDACTED] advised that CPA representatives had received information that the FBI was investigating Bugs Siegel, who allegedly has a control, either personally or through his associates, of the Nevada Projects Corporation, which in turn controls the Flamingo Hotel. [REDACTED] stated that he would appreciate receiving for himself and for the consideration of the CPA officials any information we might have concerning Siegel, the Nevada Projects Corporation or the Flamingo Hotel which might be of assistance in helping them determine whether legal action should be instituted against those individuals and groups.

ACTION:

[REDACTED] was advised that this matter would be referred to the appropriate Division of the Bureau. It is understood there is information concerning the Flamingo Hotel in the CAPGA Case being supervised by [REDACTED] in the Investigative Division. It is, therefore, suggested that this memorandum be referred to Mr. Rosen for attention.

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Reference is made to Bureau letter of July 19, 1946, addressed to the Salt Lake City Field Division, a copy of this letter being furnished to the Phoenix Field Division for appropriate attention in this district.

Up to the present time this matter has been kept in mind during the investigation of the CAPGA case, but thus far no definite information has been developed to show any activity on the part of subject SIEGEL in the State of Arizona.

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The Los Angeles Field Division has been furnished with copies of all communications in the CAPGA case which would be of interest in the investigation of subject SIEGEL.

Under the circumstances, the Phoenix Field Division file on the instant case is being considered NUC, subject to reopening in the event the investigation in the CAPGA case develops any substantial information concerning any activities of SIEGEL in this district.

The Los Angeles Division has previously been requested to furnish the Phoenix Division with a copy of the photograph and physical description of SIEGEL for use in our investigation. Thus far the photograph in question has not been received. It is therefore requested at this time that the Los Angeles Division furnish this office a copy of the photograph and physical description of SIEGEL for use in our investigation in the CAPGA case and also for use in our investigation in the instant case, in the event sufficient information is developed to warrant reopening this case.

cc - Chicago

Attention Assistant Director R. J. Connelley

cc - Los Angeles

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Director, FBI

ATTENTION: A. R. Getholthoff

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Reference is made to the Bureau's letter of October 8, 1946,
concerning the American Distilling Company.

Attached for your information is a copy of a letter dated
September 13, 1946 in the Capra case which contains information re-
garding the American Distilling Company, Inc., of Pekin, Illinois.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Eugene J. Siegel

Although Mr. Osthoff believes that we may by interviews with the architects employed on the Flamingo Hotel ^{obtain} some data possibly implicating Bugs Siegel in the commission of perjury before the recent CPA hearing, I think any interview with these people will be futile. They obviously are going to protect Siegel, who is paying them apparently well for their services, and in addition, they will probably be afraid to furnish any facts if they have them because of implicating themselves in an illegal proceeding. Entirely aside from this, I doubt very much that a successful prosecution could be had in the Federal Courts for false testimony, even though it is under oath, before an administrative board such as a CPA examiner in San Francisco. After all, we took a terrible beating with a much stronger case in the [redacted] matter and, consequently, it is futile, I think, and actually hurts our prestige to conduct interviews of this kind. I recommend, consequently, that Mr. Osthoff be instructed not to conduct these interviews and that the entire matter be closed out immediately.

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MR. ROSEN*

*I agree
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Respectfully,

J. C. [signature]

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Director, FBI

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DETAILS:

Re: [REDACTED] b7c

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The following is being dictated by Special Agent [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] dated September 3, 1946, at Los Angeles, and the letter dated August 8,
1946, signed by A. E. OSTHOLTHOFF at the Los Angeles field division, and
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The following information is being dictated by Special Agent [REDACTED] and represents a review of the files of the New York Field office:

Under date of August 22, 1946 the Boston Field office transmitted a copy of a letter to the Director setting forth results of investigation at Boston in connection with the activities of [REDACTED] This investigation was conducted in response to Los Angeles Field office teletype dated August 13, 1946. [REDACTED]

dated August 13, 1946.

[REDACTED]

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Under date of July 26, 1946 the Los Angeles office requested that an attempt be made to determine the present whereabouts of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

ALBANY FIELD DIVISION

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At Saratoga Springs, New York:

Will further identify [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in Saratoga Springs, New York and attempt to determine
if they are involved in the present inquiry.

NEW HAVEN FIELD DIVISION

At New Haven, Connecticut:

Will furnish the Albany Field office with all information in
the New Haven files concerning [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At Long Beach, New York:

Will further identify [REDACTED] and
determine if he is involved in any racketeering activities. b7c

At New York City:

Will determine, if feasible, what connection if any [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and if this company is involved in racketeering activities.

Will determine whether the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] is identical with [REDACTED]

Will further identify [REDACTED] and ascertain if he is
involved in racketeering activities.

Will determine, if feasible, what connection [REDACTED]
with Rugby Motor Sales, Inc. and if this company is involved in any
racketeering activities.

Will determine, if feasible, any connection between [REDACTED] and
the jewelry firm of Udall and Ballow.

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Will further identify [REDACTED] and ascertain if she is involved in any racketeering activities and particularly if she may be identical with [REDACTED]

Will further identify [REDACTED] and determine if she is involved in any racketeering activities.

Will ascertain what connection, if any, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Copies of this report are being furnished to the Chicago and Salt Lake City Field offices in view of the close connection between this investigation and the Capga investigation.

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BENJAMIN SIEGEL, WAS, MISCELLANEOUS, INFO CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY.
IN CONNECTION WITH THE COVERAGE OF SIEGEL THIS DATE IT WAS DETERMINE
THAT WHILE AT THE ROOSEVELT HOTEL THIS MORNING HE SPOKE TO FRANK
XCOSTELLO AND WILL SEE HIM AT THE XCOPACABANA NIGHT CLUB AT SIX PM THI
DATE, AND ALSO ARRANGED TO MEET HIM AT TEN AM, OCTOBER EIGHT IN THE
BARBER SHOP OF THE WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL. HE SUBSEQUENTLY TALKED
TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND MET HIM
AT THE [REDACTED] SIXTYSIX BOWERY, NYC THIS AFTERNOON.
WHILE AT THE HOTEL HE, ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, REFERRED TO [REDACTED] LAST
NAME UNKNOWN, AND IT APPEARS THAT [REDACTED] S IN SOME WAY CONNECTED WITH
XMASTAN COMPANY, INC. ^{NEW YORK} OF THREE FIFTY FIFTH AVENUE, WHICH IS A COMMER-
CIAL FINANCING COMPANY ENGAGED IN THE GENERAL FINANCE BUSINESS
OPERATING PRINCIPALLY WITH MANUFACTURERS, INDUSTRIAL AND MER-
CHANDISING MERCHANTS LOCATED IN NYC AS WELL AS OUT OF TOWN CONCERNS.

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